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Enrollment nears record, incoming class at all-time high

WHITNEY FREE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wartburg College released 2007-08 enrollment numbers last week, reporting new student enrollment just one short of the 2005 record.

Vice president for enrollment management Edith Waldstein said there are 1,810 students enrolled this year. She said 545 full-time first-year students, 38 full-time transfer students and one part-time transfer student bring the incoming class to a record of 584

new students.

Of the 1,810 students, 1,742 are full-time, which is 10 higher than the previous record set in 2005.

"This is great news for Wartburg," Waldstein said.

Twenty-four states and 43 countries are represented, with a 48:52 male to female ratio.

"We have a very good gender balance this year," Waldstein said.

Waldstein also noted that 13 percent of the student body is diverse, including 134 U.S. stu-

dents of color and 103 international students. She said 73 percent of students are from Iowa.

"Our top five majors by number of students enrolled in those programs are business administration, biology, communication arts, elementary education and music education," Waldstein said.

The profile of incoming students adds up to what Waldstein called a strong, diverse class. Thirty-one percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high

school class. Their average ACT score was 23.7 and the average GPA was 3.52.

The required ACT score is 19, and students must graduate in the top half of their high school class, provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher of core subjects and interview with admissions.

When noting religious affiliation, Waldstein said 41 percent of Wartburg students are Lutheran, 24 percent are Catholic and 12

percent are Methodist.

"We have 28 distinct affiliations on campus, with a vast majority of those being Christian," Waldstein said. "We are proud of our Lutheran heritage, but we also value diversity, and other faiths are always welcome."

Iowa Private College Week took place during the first week of August, and Waldstein said it is a very important week for Wartburg.

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Jason Schubbe plays tambourine along with The Snozzberries at Knight Elegance Friday night.

Fire station improves energy efficiency

MEKEA WILLIAMSON ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Waverly Fire Station is using a new heating and cooling system in an effort to become more economically and environmentally friendly.

Volunteer Fire Chief Dan McKenzie says the new building was built in May, and the heating method added \$200,000 more to the project cost.

"Working with the architect and the mechanical engineer, they said that within three to five years we should have the best of it paid back in utilities," McKenzie said.

"From what I've been told, we doubled the square footage but should only see about a 15 to 20 percent increase in utility cost."

McKenzie said the station has 35 volunteer firefighters, but no one is around during 90 percent of the day, so the temperature does not need to be constant.

However, when a meeting is taking place at the station, the individual thermostats can be useful in turning up or down the

heat in particular areas to cut utility costs.

New heat exchangers in the station have replaced the old radiator models commonly found in most houses. Water is pumped through the exchangers and air is blown across the water to heat or cool it.

McKenzie said the system should be low maintenance. In the mechanical room of the station, a pump distributes water from the river throughout the entire station for heating and cooling.

"Actually it's real simple from my understanding," he said. "The ground water we are holding in is at a constant 55 degrees year-round. So in the summer they just need to cool that down a little bit... in the winter time they just need to heat it a little bit."

He said because the underground water is at a constant temperature, it helps lower costs for utilities and keeps equipment functioning better.

McKenzie said the station is pumping water out of the middle aquifer, an underground layer of

water-bearing materials like rock, gravel, sand or clay.

"Water gets pumped, filtered and treated, and then it gets dumped back into the river. We continue to turn water," he said.

Another feature of the heating and cooling system, also known as a geothermal system, is coils underground to heat up the station and maintain a constant temperature.

"In the old heaters, it had to cool down three or four degrees or warm up three or four degrees for them to kick on, so we always had the fluctuations, which is kind of hard on your equipment sometimes," McKenzie said.

Although heating is one of the major expenses for the station, they also had to consider electricity. The lighting is even energy efficient, as the station only turns on lights in certain areas.

McKenzie said they also try to separate areas for emergency responses, meetings and other similar functions. The new sta-

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Students angered over parking lot thefts

SNEHA PRADHAN NEWS EDITOR

Wartburg campus security received five car theft reports within a period of three days last week. The first case was reported on Sept. 23 and the other four on Sept. 25.

Personal items were stolen from unlocked cars in parking lots C, D, N and V. The stolen items included two shirts, roller blades, a portable CD player, an i-Pod, a cell phone charger, sunglasses, dog tags, a visor cap and some change.

"The only pattern is that the thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles or vehicles they can easily enter without doing any damage to the car," campus security director John Myers said.

"In the past we've had cars broken into. We've never had a pattern like this. We've had so many unrelated items taken. Generally, they take money or stereo equipment, or they're looking for something."

Jolynn Herrick, whose electrical appliances worth \$130 were stolen, said she didn't lock her dented passenger door because she thought it might not open again.

"I just think it is pathetic that people think they need to go and search for stuff in other people's cars," Herrick said. "It really angers me that people do that."

All you do is anger people, and if you like doing that you have some issues."

Myers said locking car doors, not leaving valuables in plain view and trying not to keep valuables in your car can help prevent car thefts.

Campus security and the Waverly Police Department are continuing the investigation.

"We have to have some new evidence, a witness. Maybe the police will find out if somebody is trying to sell something that is recorded missing," Myers said. "We leave it as an open case because if we get information, we'll continue, but there is nothing right now to follow up on."

Myers said five bicycles, the college flag beside Player's Theatre, some money from a student's lost wallet found later and a plant in front of the Student Life Office were also stolen between Sept. 5 and Sept. 20.

Myers said the police can make an arrest or make the person pay a fine, depending on the value of the stolen items. If a student is responsible for stealing, the student conduct board will sanction him or her on top of the police charge.

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Campus groups gear up for busy year

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Cover charge upsets young patrons

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Goat charges minors

BRITTANY FEAGANS STAFF WRITER

The Fainting Goat now has a cover charge of \$5 for people under the age of 21 on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights after 10 o'clock.

Students accustomed to enjoying the atmosphere of the establishment for free have given mixed reviews.

"If they want to target an older crowd, they're doing the right thing," Kayla Chapin said. "There is no way I'm going to pay \$5 to socialize."

General manager Troy Collins said the restaurant needs the cover charge to help pay for entertainment.

"There is a cost involved with the disc jockeys, with the bands. It doesn't take an economics major to figure out you can't continue to lose money on those nights and still stay in business," he said.

Although the Goat expects an initial decline in business, the staff is optimistic customers will get used to paying and business will return to normal.

"It really just depends what they're going for. I think our true patrons will stick by and adapt to it," server Anna Fagre said.

While the Goat is trying to revamp its marketing scheme, they have come up with a deal in which everyone under 21 gets free pop all night.

"That's to offset the cover charge," Collins said. "I just hope they understand it's the simple economics. We're not trying to take advantage of them; we're just trying to keep a place for them to come."

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"The W" fees revealed

The Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center has announced its membership rates.

Executive director of "the W," Jim Langel, said the center plans to be open approximately 100 hours per week.

"This facility represents our partnership with Waverly to provide wellness in a welcoming manner," Langel said. "Our professional staff will provide space and programming for people of all shapes and sizes."

The community will have a choice of two payment options. The first is through membership, which will give members access to all areas programmed for wellness such as the swimming pool, fitness area, racquetball courts

and indoor golf area. The second option allows members to pay for individual programs, classes and lessons. Scholarships to offset program costs will also be available to low-income individuals and families.

Membership rates are \$50 per individual, plus a \$50 activation fee. For an individual plus one, the cost is \$70 per month with a \$70 activation fee. A family package rate is \$80 a month with an \$80 activation fee. Day pass rates are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths.

For more information, visit www.The-W.org, which will have plans for programming when they are finalized.

Programs help retention

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"Twenty-five to 30 percent of the students who visit that week will end up coming to Wartburg," she said. "This is the result of good work by admissions and faculty."

Waldstein attributed success in recent years largely to Pathways programs.

"Pathways was ahead of its time when it started about 10 years ago," she said. "With so many services available, it's like a one-stop shop."

Waldstein also said a strong orientation program makes a big difference in retention of new

students. Orange EXCEleration evaluations are underway, and she said feedback so far is mostly positive.

"I think the faculty liked it, and they reported good attendance at classes," she said. "The service project was especially well-received by students."

Waldstein said nothing goes perfectly the first time around, but faculty and staff involved look forward to improving and continuing the new program.

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The Fainting Goats neon lights shine on Bremer Ave.

Housing shortage leads to lounge living

MEGHAN PEDERSEN STAFF WRITER

First-year students are living in study lounges of Vollmer, Founders and Grossman Halls. Six two-person rooms are occupied by three students.

Residential life director Peter Armstrong said 325 students were permitted to live off-campus to make room for incoming freshmen this year.

Armstrong said all seniors who applied were allowed to live off-campus, but some didn't take the offer. A number of third-year students were also released.

Armstrong said Wartburg could not turn away students who had already been admitted because it could not house them. Instead, Wartburg used extra space available to create housing.

"The lounges are not dramatically different from any other room," he said.

"The lounges have all been made lockable, are fully furnished and have Internet connections and cable. Each lounge is occupied by four students."

Students living in the lounges have made some complaints to Armstrong, but not about the housing units.

Armstrong said Grossman is primarily an upperclassmen dorm, which can make it challenging for strangers, especially freshmen, to live together in an open area.

"These students might feel a bit isolated from the rest of their class," he said.

Michelle Durant, a student who lives in a Grossman lounge, agreed.

"Living in the lounges has caused us to miss out on bonding with other freshmen," she said.

Durant's lounge-mate, Mandy Rector, said upperclassmen on their floor are nice to them.

"Sometimes they stop by to say hi or check out our room," she said.

David Pfister, a first-year living in a Grossman lounge, said living with upperclassmen has not bothered him.

"It's a lot better than Clinton," he said.

Pfister said students living in

lounges enjoy the advantages of a newer building and air conditioning, which other first-year students live without.

Armstrong said students living in lounges should be moved into a normal dorm room before Winter Term begins because students will graduate, transfer or leave in December.

Three two-person rooms have already returned to normal double rooms because enough students have left the college.

Drew Spersfage lives in a two-person room with two others.

"At first I thought it'd be crowded, but really, it's not so bad," he said.

Armstrong does not see plans for the construction of additional residence halls in the near future. He explained that the graduating classes of the high schools within a 100-mile radius of Wartburg, where the majority of Wartburg's enrollment comes from, are shrinking.

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Alliance sponsors GLBT awareness week

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Wartburg College's Alliance group plans to educate students and faculty with a weeklong event as part of "Coming Out Week."

Members of Alliance will use several presentations to teach the importance of respecting and acknowledging individuals and their viewpoints.

"Having the support of other people is a validation of your existence, values and beliefs. Without it, a person can feel insignificant," Alliance vice president Laura Baker said.

A presentation titled "That's so Gay: Keeping out students safe from bullying," will kick off the week in the McCaskey Lyceum at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 4.

Another program "Gender 101: What is Transgender Anyway?" is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 8 in the McCoy East room.

A discussion called "Straight Ally Round Table" will take place in the McCoy rooms at 7 p.m. Oct. 9.

"Stepping Out the Door Expression Night" will take place in the McCaskey Lyceum at 7 p.m. Oct. 10.

Project RESPECT training is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 11, in Science Center room 134, followed by "The Laramie Project" as part of Alliance's film series at 7 p.m. The film is about the death of Matthew Shepard, a gay man who was murdered in a

1998 anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming.

The group launched an initiative this year to expand their ally base at Wartburg. Alliance adviser Chris Knudson said the group has about 150 allies on campus, a high number compared to colleges around the country with gay-straight alliances.

"An ally is someone who supports the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in word or action. An ally doesn't have to be involved in meetings, or even with the group," Knudson said. "For example, speaking up when someone says 'that's gay.' That is something a non-member ally can do."

Alliance is Wartburg's student-run gay-straight alliance (GSA). According to the group's Web site, Alliance is dedicated to providing "a supportive and accepting environment for students, regardless of sexual orientation."

The group also plans events to inform the community and stimulate open discussion about issues concerning sexuality.

Alliance meets every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Knight's Village common room.

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Wartburg College

Enrollment
Facts

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Countries represented: 43

States represented: 24

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NJ medical school dean doctors grades

TROY GRAHAM MCT NEWS

The former dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Camden campus fixed grades to allow students who could have been kicked out of medical school to eventually become doctors, a federal monitor said Monday.

The monitor, former federal judge Herbert J. Stern, did not say what would have motivated Paul Mehne to pass unqualified students.

"There was no indication that there was any 'quid pro quo' or that any of the students were even aware of what he was doing," said John Inglesino, an attorney at Stern's law firm. "Our job was to report the facts... whatever his motivation was."

UMDNJ hasn't taken any action against graduates who benefited from grade changes. But the monitor said one current student, whom Mehne allowed to progress through the program despite failing a required test, had been placed on "academic warning" for the rest of her medical education.

Mehne, who headed the UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School program at Cooper University Hospital, was placed on paid administrative leave on June 9, amid the monitor's investigation and just weeks before his planned retirement.

The program in Camden trains third- and fourth-year medical students as they transition from classroom to clinical training. Mehne is accused of passing some students who did not meet minimum standards and allowing them to retake tests in violation of school policy.

Mehne lives in Havertown, Pa., and is former associate dean at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

In an interview with the monitor's staff, he denied instructing any faculty member to violate grading policy. But, the moni-

tor said, "documentary evidence confirms the allegations against Mehne."

"Any improprieties could undermine confidence in the medical profession and could cause untold damage to the lives of innocent individuals at the hands of undertrained or unprepared medical professionals," Stern said in the report.

The report said UMDNJ "has begun to remediate this problem."

"There can be no more fundamental breach of an educator's responsibilities than the violation of conventional standards of academic integrity," UMDNJ's president, William F. Owen Jr., wrote Monday in an e-mail to his employees. "Therefore, I am sure you join with me in expressing outrage at the actions of Dr. Mehne."

No one answered the door Monday afternoon at Mehne's home, and his attorney did not return a phone call.

When Mehne became associate dean in 1995, he had grades reported directly to his office. Prior to that, grades were reported to the assistant registrar, Stern said.

Mehne told the monitor he did this because students were required to complete a course evaluation before the grades were entered.

During a six-year period reviewed by the monitor, 357 students appeared before the committee, but none from the Camden campus, a number Stern found "incomprehensible."

UMDNJ has 112 third- and fourth-year medical students in Camden and 222 in Piscataway, the school said.

In a four-year period, the monitor found 11 Camden students who failed exams and should have appeared before the committee, but did not.

Once the monitor began investigating, Mehne started reporting students to the committee for the first time in six years, Stern said.



Dion Nissenbaum/MCT News

Capt. Murad Qundah of Morality Police, left, detains a teenage boy accused of smoking in public Sept. 27.

Morality police patrols West Bank area

DION NISSENBAUM MCT NEWS

The scrawny teenage detainee squirmed uncertainly in his seat as Palestinian police interrogators peppered him with questions.

"Are you Muslim or not?" one officer asked the sulen waiter who'd been picked up for smoking in public during the daily fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. "When I see you eating or smoking, it is shameful."

"Tell your boss that tomorrow, the first thing we are going to do is close down his restaurant," warned the second interrogator, who was wearing a thick red armband that read "Morality Police."

The Morality Police have come to the Palestinian Authority. Only the charge isn't being led by hardliners from the militant Islamist Hamas movement, as many once feared, it's being spearheaded by the secular Fatah party as part of its campaign to undermine growing support for Hamas in the West Bank.

Morality police squads generally are associated with authoritarian religious regimes such as those in Iran and Saudi Arabia and the deposed Taliban government in Afghanistan.

But here in the West Bank's most sophisticated city, Fatah has usurped the idea as a way to resurrect its image among an ever-more-conservative population and to ensure that Hamas doesn't gather the sort of strength and support in the West Bank that allowed it to seize control of the Gaza Strip over the summer. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and his secular allies also have clamped down on Hamas charities, mosques and militants in the

West Bank.

"Morality is part of the public order," said Murad Qundah, the 27-year-old police captain who heads the new 10-person unit. "We are not a religious police."

Launched two weeks ago to coincide with the beginning of Ramadan, Morality Police foot patrols already have arrested nearly two dozen Palestinians for smoking or drinking in public when they were supposed to be fasting.

Each day, the patrols are met with a mixture of enthusiastic support, wary disinterest and nervous distance. And while there's been some grumbling, there also are some surprising expressions of support, even among young women who dress in jeans, wear makeup and don't cover their heads.

"We need this for our country so we can walk freely in the streets without guys disturbing us," said Nora, a 20-year-old Christian university student who expressed no fears that the unit would try to force her to wear modest clothes or wear a headscarf. She asked that she be identified only by her first name.

The squad agrees that it isn't trying to force women to cover their heads or forgo tight-fitting jeans. Instead, it's targeting boys who harass girls and people smoking or eating during the daily Ramadan fast.

Although the police tell people that they'll be jailed until the end of Ramadan for eating, drinking or smoking in public, Qundah said most people have been freed within a day or two.

States await U.S. Supreme Court rulings

DANIEL C. VOCK MCT NEWS

Just days before starting its new term on Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court took on two cases of major importance for states, dealing with how the death penalty is carried out in many states and whether voters should be required to show photo identification at the polls.

But those two high-profile cases aren't the only ones on the court's schedule this term that states will be following closely. Other cases will affect states' ability to regulate delivery of "dangerous" products such as tobacco, states' tax policies and, of course, their criminal courts.

The groups challenging Indiana's voter ID law urged the justices to review the case, so states will know whether laws similar to Indiana's are valid before the 2008 presidential election.

In general, fights over the voter ID laws have broken down along party lines. Republicans have pro-

moted ID requirements as a way to prevent voter fraud. Democrats say the laws discourage the poor and elderly from voting, and they say there's little evidence of voter fraud that the rules would prevent.

Indiana and four other states (Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana and South Dakota) require voters to show photo identification at the polls. Indiana's law further defines the documentation as a government-issued photo identification that carries the voter's address and signature. Those without proper identification in Indiana can cast provisional ballots that are counted only if the voter provides proof of identity within 48 hours.

Nineteen other states accept other forms of identification that could include utility bills or pay stubs.

Indiana's voter ID law is considered to be the toughest, but so far it has survived legal challenges

from Democrats, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the law on a 2-1 vote in January, setting up the current appeals.

Similar efforts in Georgia and Missouri weren't as successful. The two states passed laws last year to require government-issued photo IDs at the polls, but courts struck them down. The Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the state's new voter ID requirements "impermissibly infringe on core voting rights guaranteed by the Missouri Constitution." Georgia's law, which required residents without a state photo ID to purchase a \$20 digital identification card to vote, was struck down in federal court.

War costs

Estimated funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, in billions

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New numbers cause concerns

WHITNEY FREE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This week's release of the 2007-08 enrollment numbers has raised a few questions in Wartburg-thinking minds.

"As enrollment increases, how will they house everyone?"

Peter Armstrong, director of residential life, said there are currently no plans for construction of new residence halls, even though several students are living three to a double room or four in a lounge. Why? Schools in Wartburg's biggest recruitment region (a 100-mile radius of campus) are seeing smaller classes each year. He sees no point in building dormitories that may not get filled to capacity.

"Are we lowering the standards for acceptance?"

Edie Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said acceptance standards have not changed in a very long time. An ACT score of 19 and graduating in the top half of your high school class are enough to get you into "one of only 34 colleges profiled as a college of distinction in the central U.S. region," according to our Web site.

"What about the U.S. News and World Report rankings?"

Wartburg landed in their "Tier 3", which is in the lower half of schools, but not at the bottom of the rankings. Rankings were

determined by a combination of statistics such as retention rates, graduation rates, freshmen profiles and faculty numbers.

Grinnell landed in the top 50 percent of schools, tied with two others at number 11. Luther and Cornell were part of a nine-way tie at 97. Wartburg did not receive a number rank. Why? Waldstein feels the rankings are "overrated" because Wartburg has not changed, but U.S. News and World Report creates new categories and ranking systems often.

So what should faculty, staff and/or administration do about the growing frustration of upperclassmen and alumni who get the feeling that standards are being lowered? How do we improve retention rates so it doesn't seem like 580 new students were enrolled this year in hopes of graduating 300 of them?

Perhaps the answer is as simple as a well-timed, highly strategic public relations campaign to explain what's going on. Or maybe it's more complicated than we could ever know.

Either way, if we are to avoid having students harbor resentment towards admission and administration, something needs to change soon.

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Former student acknowledges tough change

Dear Editor,

I am writing to address the article "Students give mixed reviews of 'Orange EXCEleration' orientation changes" that appeared in the Sept. 17 edition.

The author wrote, "The decision to restructure the program involved the retention committee, orientation committee and last year's orientation staff."

The latter part of this statement is incorrect; in no way was the 2006-07 orientation staff consulted about possible changes that would be made to the fall 2007 orientation.

As a former three-year orientation leader, I was appalled that those who wanted to institute these changes did not have the decency to even ask those student leaders who would have to, in a sense, "sign-on" and stand behind these changes. The new schedule was simply handed to the 2007 staff as if to say, "Here ya go – you now have to promote this schedule, one that not only has the Orientation schedule two days longer, but you (leaders) have to end your summer jobs four days earlier than past

years to move back and undergo an extra two days of training."

I believe that the 2007-08 orientation – I'm sorry – EXCEleration leaders deserve a heartfelt "thank you" from campus, and maybe a few standing ovations as well for surviving this long-winded new schedule. (For those of you who actually attended Orientation events, you'll catch the joke; cough, cough, PlayFair, cough, cough)

As an alum, some of my favorite memories of freshman year included many events that were a part of the Orientation schedule. It is my hope that future Wartburgers aren't too tired during the "Welcome to Wartburg" week to remember them.

Forever Orange,
KatieJo Kuhens

From the Other Side
of the Desk—

Fiene's five pointers for a fruitful life

KEVIN FIENE FACULTY GUEST WRITER

As some may know, I turned 50 a couple of weeks ago; yes one-half a century!

I had the privilege of speaking at Chapel on my birthday and took the opportunity to share a few insights entitled, "The World According to Fiene."

I knew this was a safe audience; people would humor me (a.k.a. laugh at my jokes, smile while nodding heads forward, etc.) since it was my birthday.

Again, I think in an attempt to humor me (see previous a.k.a.), I was asked to put together my thoughts for this column.

I really can't imagine anyone caring too deeply about my thoughts and beliefs on life but figured what the heck. So here it goes.

• In life, don't confuse what is urgent with what's important. The world seems to be moving so quickly that we are regularly



overwhelmed with yet another meeting, appointment, etc. This "urgent stuff" saps energy from what is really important; things like our relationships, our intellectual and personal growth, and truly living out the Golden Rule.

• No gift in life is more important than the gift of you. It's always nice to get gifts. However, what true friends and family really want and need is you. I can't imagine anything worse than looking back at some point in life and saying, "I wish I had ..." Life is so very precious... and so very temporary.

• Take what you do seriously, but don't take yourself too seriously. I believe in vocation/finding one's calling in life and pursuing that calling with enthusiasm and passion. I love coming to work (almost) everyday, but I think it's dangerous when one likes to hear the sound of his/her voice all the time and can't take a moment to laugh, even at one's self, or truly listen to others. One should not be disrespectful but also certainly not be limited by traditional paradigms.

• Do things because it's the right thing to do, not because someone

is watching. It's actually pretty easy to do good things when credit or accolades are involved. However, the true measure of character is what you do when no one else is watching.

• Finally and most importantly, put God at the center of your life. Frankly, everything else pales in comparison to having a faith-based core in life. I have been blessed so many ways throughout life and I thank God each and every day for walking with me through good and not-so-good times. I can't imagine a person being able to face the challenges and curveballs life throws at us without God at the center.

My allotted space is now gone, so simply, thanks for reading an "old" man's thoughts. May God bless you and everything you do.

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Campus organizations localize presidential campaigns

WHITNEY FREE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wartburg political groups have a busy year in store with presidential caucuses less than four months away and the big election about nine months later.

Wartburg Republicans president Heidi Hesse said the group will continue working with the First in the Nation project and hope to set up meeting groups according to candidate preference.

Hesse also said they will be involved in parades, voter registration drives and phone drives. One of their most important goals is to plan some big events on campus.

"We are hoping to get several Republican candidates on campus and to have literature available for those candidates," she said.

"We are hoping to have a 'mockus' – mock caucus – to prepare for the caucuses that will be taking place in January."

Students who wish to join the group should e-mail wcr@wartburg.edu or emily.wieneke@wartburg.edu, or join the Facebook group, "Wartburg College Republicans".

Wartburg Democrats president Abhay Nadipuram said the group's main goal for the year is to get everyone on campus regis-

tered to vote.

"While we do want Democrats in office, we believe the best way to do this is through students' voting," he said.

Another of their major goals is to get all Democratic presidential candidates to come to campus.

Nadipuram said the group is working on a joint project with several other colleges and universities in Iowa to host a question and answer forum November 11 in Hancher Auditorium on the University of Iowa campus.

"We're always looking for new members, more participation and major outreach on campus, too," Nadipuram said. "If anyone

wants to get involved, join our Facebook group, 'Wartburg Democrats', or contact me."

One of the most active election-related ventures on campus is the First in the Nation project.

A Constitution Day event took place Saturday in the Castle Room featuring Representative Bruce Braley and the Honorable Jon Scoles, U.S. Attorney's Office.

Faculty leader Penni Pier said student scholars of the First in the Nation project will continue blogging on the Web site, and they hope to sponsor candidate speeches or guest lecturers affiliated with campaigns.

"The FIN student scholars

also plan to create some programming to take into the high schools," Pier said.

"Several classes have incorporated projects into their classes and there will be public presentations of those projects," she said.

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Documentary pays tribute to Waterloo broadcast company

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Wartburg's McElroy Chair in Communication Arts, Jeff Stein, and professor emeritus Grant Price premiered a documentary at KWWL studios in Waterloo Sept. 18.

The documentary, "A Legacy of Trust: The Black Hawk Broadcasting Company Story", outlines how the company was founded, its role in the community and how the McElroy legacy became a trust.

Stein said students Casey Luensmann ('07) and Jimmy Vowell ('07) were selected to help with filming and editing. Price wrote the script and assisted with editing, and Stein gave input and made final edits after Luensmann and Vowell graduated in May.

A reception and premiere screening at the KWWL studio brought together current and

former employees in an effort to honor the legacy of founder R.J. McElroy.

"It was wonderful to see the people I watched on the news growing up reconnect with each other," Stein said.

He said the goal of the documentary was to tell the story and inspire others.

According to the reception program, McElroy convened a meeting of nearly three dozen Waterloo and Cedar Falls civic and business leaders in 1947. He asked them to invest in his new venture – a radio station designed to better serve the public in northeast Iowa.

With those donations, the Black Hawk Broadcasting Company was born. KWWL radio went on the air in 1947, and KWWL Channel 7 television came six years later.

Stein said the company's name

became synonymous with community service and commitment to local programming. The title of the documentary signifies both the trust the audience had in the company and the financial trust founded after McElroy's death in 1965.

Stein said the remainder of McElroy's will after taking care of his family was "for the benefit of deserving young people". He said the trust is the third largest in Iowa with assets of more than \$50 million.

"In the last 25 years, the trust has given grants totaling more than \$40 million," Stein said. "It has grown so much because of prudent investment."

In the fall of 2004, a group began discussing the idea of putting McElroy's story into a documentary. The group included two members of the trust, a former

and a current KWWL employee, Stein and Price. In early 2005, Stein and Price received a grant to fund production.

Channel 7 officials saw a rough version of the documentary and knew they wanted to air it prime-time. The television premiere aired Friday, Sept. 21.

Stein said plans have been set in motion to host an event at Wartburg so students, faculty and staff can see the documentary and participate in a discussion.

"It fits in with the 'civic and community engagement' theme because of its ties to public service," he said. "This documentary shows that anyone can help with a little forward thinking. If you want to make your time on this planet count, why not be remem-

bered for helping others?"

Stein hopes "A Legacy of Trust" will inspire people to put trusts in their wills, too.

"McElroy didn't have money when he did that," he said. "But it turned into something huge."

The campus premiere is set for Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Lyceum.

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Glitches skew student elections

MEKEA WILLIAMSON ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Technical difficulties left some votes uncounted during Student Senate elections last week. The election system has had problems for the past three years, according to Eric Benson, student body president.

This year the system was changed from E-vote to Survey Monkey because of several challenges.

Survey Monkey is more dependable and reliable than systems used previously, but the problem was that students could vote for only one of their candidates in the general elections, Benson said.

Students are often allowed to vote for four out of 10 candidates, which Survey Monkey didn't allow, said Benson. Survey Monkey switched their program this year so students could pick their four candidates; however, this program also had problems.

"After the first 100 votes are cast

they put a block on it, and you actually have to subscribe for a membership," Benson said.

The change in regulations halted the voting system, which was not caught by Benson and Swanson until voting had started.

Benson said some students could not vote for approximately three hours, but after they got it fixed the election system worked the way it should have.

Benson informed information technology services (ITS) about the situation. He said ITS did not have a complete list of students' e-mail addresses as they were busy converting Webmail to Outlook and working on the Wellness Center.

"While we would normally e-mail every individual dorm to vote, this year we had to send out a campus-wide e-mail, which worked out fine," Benson said. "We just put down different buildings, and if you weren't in that building you weren't supposed to vote for

any of those candidates."

Benson said he was not sure students abided by the rules, but he believes it went the best it could.

ITS director Gary Wipperman said he and his staff supported the elections, but an outside company runs Survey Monkey.

"They are run by an outside package that we don't know too much about," Wipperman said. "We wouldn't be able to do much about it."

Executive elections happen every February for president, vice president, treasurer and recorder.

The second election is during May Term for eight senators who represent the entire campus.

The third election is during Fall Term, which only students living on-campus are eligible to vote in. The election fills up the remaining senate seats.

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Courtesy Photo

Students protest against military action in Myanmar Friday afternoon.

Students rally for Myanmar

STEFFANI TOLLEFSON ONLINE EDITOR

More than 15 Wartburg Students participated in a demonstration of support for protestors in Myanmar on the campus mall Friday afternoon.

The group was led by Jennifer Wendland and Ye Thway.

Thway, an international student from Myanmar, said the country has been under military government for more than 20 years and the citizens do not have rights.

"Last month the government doubled the price of fuel so the economy is so hard to live, and the price is getting higher. People can't survive anymore," he said. "So the monks started the march, then the government cracked down on protestors."

More than 100,000 people protested in central Yangon this week. So far, two monks and nine civilians have been reported dead, but the count is rumored much higher.

"We need a change. Support the protestors, pray for the protestors of my country. We need a change for my country," Thway said. "We need freedom, we need equality and we need democracy."

I'm fighting for the military government to get a democracy."

The United States has temporarily cut off any assets Myanmar leaders may have with financial institutions, and Americans are prohibited from doing business with them.

"It's very important that people know what's going on so we can try and change it how ever we can from Waverly," Wendland said. "Whatever we can do to show support is important at this point."

Thway said his family in Myanmar supports the protestors. He said they have been giving them necessities like food and water.

Students who wish to show support can do so by participating in the next campus protest Friday. Wendland said the protests will continue until something happens in Myanmar.

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Show requires extra equipment, work

MEKEA WILLIAMSON ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Wartburg will soon witness the largest Artist Series show in terms of technical use in three years. The Georgian State Dancers will kick off the series at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 in Neumann Auditorium.

Production and ticket office manager Hans Pregler said approximately 80 people will perform in the diverse arts program.

"The most lighting, the most costumes by far - in fact, we're trying to find stuff from other colleges," he said.

Pregler said they have been preparing for the show since last year, but the set up began just one week before the performance.

"We are gathering equipment and figuring out all the hospitality needs such as food, hotel rooms and how they are going to get from the airport," he said.

Pregler said Myrna Culbertson,

Artist Series director, travels around the country looking for events. Culbertson also handles finances and accommodations for the artists.

Already a day behind schedule, Pregler and his crew worked extra hours over the weekend for Tuesday night's performance.

Julie Mund, technical theatre student manager for three years, said giving up a weekend is a challenge.

"Basically it involves long hours," she said. "We take the stage from nothing to a whole bunch of lights and sound equipment."

The staff includes 16 student employees and five volunteers responsible for costumes.

"I'm in charge of costumes, and they're bringing in a semi-load of them," Mund said. "They're giving us five hours to steam 70 outfits for every music set."

Mund said the staff finds great satisfaction in their work.

"Our goal is to put on a good show that lets the audience enjoy it without knowing we exist," Mund said.

Pregler said this will be a great first show for people who have not been to an Artist Series event before.

"Really great lighting, really great costumes... it's different because they're Russian and the dances are different from what we typically see around here," Pregler said.

Students get one free ticket per show. Beyond this, they can purchase them for \$18 to \$30 at the general public price. Ticket prices are based on seating and are sold until the start of the show.

Students who wish to request performers for upcoming artist series should contact Culbertson at artistseries@wartburg.edu.

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City funds fire station improvements

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tion also has a generator large enough to run the whole complex if they were to lose electricity.

"We had people who would stay at the fire station because they didn't have heat at home, but because our old station was so small we didn't have sleeping quarters for them, so they had to go somewhere else to sleep," he said.

Now, the fire station can be used as an emergency shelter.

The station has a full-functioning kitchen and rooms set up like a dormitory, which can host 50 to 60 people.

The city paid for the fire station and geothermal system using a local option sales tax.

The first project to utilize the local option sales tax was the city's portion of the jail and dispatch center. The second project was the fire station and a new fire truck.

The volunteer firefighters will host a pancake breakfast Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Waverly Fire Station

from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The breakfast is one of three fundraisers the fire station sponsors per year.

Proceeds will go to fire prevention programs in schools, purchasing new fire equipment and allocating funds for maintenance.

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'Halo 3' pulls in big numbers on opening night

CHRIS LAMBERTZ OP/ED EDITOR

Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 12 a.m. marked the launch of Microsoft and Bungie's "Halo 3". Fans have hailed the game as another groundbreaking addition to "Halo" family.

According to the Microsoft Web site, the release of the game was the biggest entertainment launch in history.

Microsoft estimated \$170 million in sales within the first 24 hours from more than 10,000

retailers that hosted "Midnight Madness" events.

First-year Seth Crouch waited in line at the College Square Game Stop location for nearly eight hours before the midnight release.

"The new approach to game play creates a realistic environment for players and the storyline really pulls you in," Crouch said. "I feel this is the best game of its kind on the market today."

It seems that for fans this

billion-dollar franchise has struck gold again.

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Knights pick up two wins

ANDREW NOSVICK STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg women's soccer team won their third straight match Saturday defeating Elmhurst College, 2-1 at home.

The Knights scored both goals within three minutes of each other in the first half.

Midfielder Jamie Frederick scored the first goal in the 36th minute. Midfielder Katelin Gannon was credited with the assist. Forward Rachel Oswald scored the Knight's second and final goal in the 39th minute.

Elmhurst player Kelly Huson scored her team's only goal in the 52nd minute.

The Knights had their first conference match at home Wednesday defeating Cornell College 1-0.

The match saw the only goal scored in the game in the 9th minute by Oswald.

The two wins move the Knights to a conference record of 1-1 (7-3 overall). The Knights have outscored their opponents this season 26-9.

Oswald leads the team with seven goals, with Frederick close behind at six.

The Knights took on Macalester (Minn.) Sunday in St. Paul, Minn.

Check the online edition of the Trumpet at www.wartburg.edu/trumpet for a full soccer update from weekend action.

The Knights play home matches on back-to-back days, first versus Buena Vista at 7 p.m. Wednesday and then play Northwestern (Iowa) at 3 p.m. Thursday.

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Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET

Rachel Oswald dribbles past a Cornell opponent Wednesday.

Women's tennis defeats Duhawks Knights advance in conference standings

PAM RODGERS ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's tennis team defeated Loras 8-1 Wednesday to move them to 4-2 in the Iowa Conference.

The Knights swept the doubles competition and gave up only No. 2 singles to Loras.

"We've been working lately on being more aggressive during points and taking control of the rallies," head coach Benjamin Oestreich said. "During this match it finally started to show as more often our women were able to get to the net and force the issue against their opponents."

Molly Eslick led the Knights at No. 1 singles defeating Loras' No. 1 Elisha Espey 6-1, 6-0. Eslick and teammate Emily Heying won at No. 1 doubles defeating their opponents 8-4.

"I've really enjoyed playing number one for the team, but I think the most important thing to bring to the team is a positive attitude," Eslick said. "Our team has really clicked, and that team chemistry is what has gotten all of us so far this year."

Other top performances at the doubles level came from Mirela Bacevac and Amanda Barkema in No. 2 doubles and No. 3 doubles from Sara Bickford and Susie McArdle, both pairs winning matches 8-2.

In the singles competition, Barkema turned in a strong performance at No. 4, defeating Molly Hepworth 6-0, 6-1. Bickford played well for the Knights at No. 5, taking her opponent 7-5, 5-1.

"Bickford played with the softest hands at the net I've seen yet," Oestreich said. "She was on top of everything up there and had great touch."

Bacevac and McArdle at No. 3 and No. 6 respectively played solid tennis, each defeating their Duhawk opponents in straight sets.

The Knights had an impressive performance coming off a loss last week to IAC opponent Simpson.

"As a team we were coming off of a loss and I was a bit worried about how we would react," Oestreich

said. "We seemed to play tight early, but as the match unfolded we settled down and played strong tennis."

Last weekend, some of the women's team participated in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Midwest Regional and Gustavus Adolphus Fall Invitational Tournament.

Eslick played in the Midwest Regional singles draw and picked up two wins. The first was a straight set victory over Jamie Weber of the College of St. Catherine. The second win came against number nine seed Sam Frank of Gustavus in a three set battle 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Eslick lost in the quarterfinals to Gina Klein of Carthage College (Wisc.).

"I've been pretty happy with the way I've been playing so far this year," Eslick said. "We've had a lot of good practices to develop our skills and add things to our game that will widen our repertoire."

Heying and Barkema played in the Gustavus Fall Invitational singles draw. Heying defeated Molly Stapleton of Lake Forest College 6-2, 6-3 and was defeated in the second round. Barkema also turned in a first round victory against Katie Bates of Carleton.

Wartburg doubles team Eslick and Heying were defeated in their first round match of the Midwest Regional doubles draw.

The next conference and last match of the regular season will be next Saturday at home. The match is set to begin a 9 a.m. against Coe.

"[Coe] is a strong team and has one of the best singles players in the conference," Oestreich said. "It would be great to give our women a great send off into the conference tournament with some home court advantage as we try to take down Coe."

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Volleyball sits good in IIAC

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versus La Crosse was the most focused and determined I've seen this team in a long time. Also, I think communication was key in our win versus La Crosse."

Rogers was named MVP of the tournament and was joined by Ashley Steines on the All-Tournament Team.

"I felt very honored to receive the award," Rogers said. "I credit my teammates because volleyball is a team sport, and without my teammates this award wouldn't have been possible."

Earlier in the week the Knights took on the Spartans from the University of Dubuque and won in five games, 30-27, 25-30, 24-30, 30-19 and 17-15.

Rogers led the game with 16 kills and 11 digs, while teammates Kelsey Steffens and Liz Plum added 10 and nine kills

respectively.

"Dubuque was a tough team, and it was a great win for us," Rogers said. "It was a very important win because it puts us in a good position for making the conference tournament."

Steines helped the Knights in the win adding 16 digs. Heather Harvey also did her part adding 15, while Leigh Christensen had 12.

The Knights went 4-1 on the week and evened their overall record to 8-8 and are now 3-1 in the IIAC. The Knights will take the week off and travel to Hamline (Minn.) Friday and Saturday to play in the Border Battle, where the Iowa Conference teams will battle the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams.

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Football team looks ahead to Augsburg

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in Iowa Conference play, leaving them in a tie for first place in the conference with No. 9-ranked Central College, also with a 3-0 IIAC record, and the Kohawks of Coe College, who are undefeated in conference play at 2-0.

The Knights take to the field again Saturday for a non-conference game against the 1-3 Auggies of Augsburg College (Minn.), a game the Knights cannot let slip by.

"I'm interested to see if we'll handle this in a mature way and approach this game with a business-like attitude even though it is not an Iowa Conference game," Koehler said. "We have a very mature team that has showed up for four weeks. I would doubt that will change this week."

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

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Men tally first IIAC victory

ANDREW NOSVICK STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg men's soccer team defeated Cornell College 4-1 Saturday with two goals from midfielder Elvis Alicic.

Midfielder Tim Meyer scored the first goal of the match in the 18th minute. Midfielder Geoff Miller had the assist.

Alicic scored his first of two goals in the 21st minute. Forward Joe Hoeksema received credit for the assist.

In the 36th minute, forward Nate Hedrington scored the third goal of the match for the Knights. Midfielder Eric Peters aided with the assist.

Alicic scored the final goal for the Knights before the first half ended. The unassisted goal was scored in the 43rd minute.

Cornell player Bobby Boughton scored the only goal for the Rams

in the 59th minute.

The win gives the Knights their first win in the Iowa Conference and their fifth win overall. They're 1-1 in the conference and 5-2-1 overall.

Forward Luke McClyman leads the team in goals with three. He's also the overall leader in goals with seven. Hoeksema and Peters both lead the team in assists with two.

The Knights took on Macalester (Minn.) Sunday in St. Paul, Minn.

Check www.wartburg.edu/trumpet for full soccer updates from weekend action.

The Knights will play Buena Vista at the Waverly Soccer Complex Wednesday, with kickoff at 5 p.m.

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Elvis Alicic sends a header downfield while teammates look on.

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Volleyball takes Simpson Invite title

Knights top No. 18-ranked UW-La Crosse in tournament win

MAC SLAVIN ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg College volleyball team laced up their shoes and headed to Simpson for the Simpson Volleyball Invite and came away with the tournament victory after three wins.

"Our goal was to come out of the tournament 4-0 or 3-1," middle hitter Ashley Rogers said. "We really felt this was a tournament we could win."

The Knights started the tournament off Friday by splitting the day. They defeated the Falcons from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in three games, 30-25, 30-24 and 30-16. After their win, the Knights took on Loras.

The Duhawks came out on top, winning in four. The Knights took the first game, 26-30, but the Duhawks ran the game the rest of the night, 23-30, 27-30 and 24-30.

Saturday, the Knights came out in a must-win situation. They started the day off against No. 18-ranked University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The Knights came back from a 2-0 deficit to win in five, 16-30, 20-30, 30-22, 30-25 and 15-10.

After their big win, the Knights looked to take on the Principia Panthers. They gave up

the third game, but took control and won in four, 30-26, 30-20, 30-32 and 30-18.

Wartburg finished the tournament with a 3-1 record along with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Simpson, but

overall the Knights were crowned tournament champions.

"I think that our team really started to gel this weekend," Rogers said. "The match

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Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET File Photo

Lindsay Schneider goes for a kill against a Buena Vista blocker at Waverly-Shell Rock.

Wartburg remains undefeated in IIAC

Knights hold Dubuque scoreless in second half on way to victory

LUKE SHANNO SPORTS EDITOR

Spurred by a 24-point second half, the No.16-ranked Wartburg football team beat the University of Dubuque 34-17 in an Iowa Conference showdown in Dubuque Saturday.

Knights' signal-caller Nick Yordi led the offensive attack for Wartburg, carding his fourth-consecutive 200-plus yard passing performance as he went 16 of 35 for 221 yards.

Yordi connected with three different receivers for touchdowns, his second-straight three-touchdown performance. Dan Bauder, Neil Suckow and Marcus Hemesath all hauled in touchdown passes in the victory.

"The passing game is really a collective effort. We're doing a good job of protecting [Yordi] and he's doing a good job of making decisions," head coach Eric Koehler said.

Josh Van Rees led the ground attack for the Knights against the Spartans' defense as he racked up 95 yards on 11 carries. Suckow and Tim Jones each added yards for the Knights and Jones tallied the only rushing touchdown on a two-yard plunge.

"I was also pretty happy with the way we ran the ball today.

We improved from last week," Koehler said.

The Knights found themselves behind early - unfamiliar territory for the team which has allowed only 15 points all season.

"Obviously we're disappointed with the way the first quarter went," Koehler said. "Given the type of things they do on offense it is extremely difficult to simulate that in practice."

"Whenever you play any unconventional offense like that it takes you a little while to settle in. Obviously it took us time to get adjusted...once we settled in we pretty much shut them down completely and they couldn't do anything the rest of the game," he said.

The Wartburg defense stepped up in the second half, holding the powerful Spartan offense scoreless the final two quarters of play.

Defensive backs Jason Lansing and Nick Weber both hauled in interceptions for the Knights, while linebacker Kyle Goodchild forced one fumble that was recovered by Hemesath and recovered another Dubuque fumble in the second half.

"They had 120 yards of offense in the last three quarters; 40 yards of offense per quarter is the way

we want to play," Koehler said. "We didn't make a ton of adjustments; we committed a little more to stopping the run and making

them throw it."

With the win, the Knights move to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in

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Courtesy Photo

Nick Weber dives past a Dubuque player on his way to the endzone.

Favre and Packers look strong

LUKE SHANNO SPORTS EDITOR

As a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, I've seen the good and the bad, the highs and the lows, the Super Bowl and the sub-.500 seasons. But I have a newfound hope for my green and gold after a 4-0 start to the 2007 season.

With early season wins over the Eagles, Giants, Chargers and Vikings, the Packers are looking stronger than I can remember.

Now I will not get real crazy and start predicting a Super Bowl title or even an NFC division title. I would not mind seeing either of those two scenarios, but I am not getting my hopes up yet.

Many people thought the Packers were past their prime. But a quarterback who many thought would be out of the league a few years ago, a rookie running back,

a wide receiving corps with one veteran receiver and a relatively unknown group of linemen are leading the Pack back

into the NFL spotlight.

The Packers may not be the favorite, but the team leaders are stepping up showing that the green and gold won't die easy this year.

Favre has been criticized for a couple years now that he can't make the throws and that he has spent too many years playing in the league.

I think more than any other year in his career, he is making a statement about his deserving to still be a starting quarterback.

Favre broke Dan Marino's touchdown pass record against the Vikings Sunday when he threw for touchdown number 421. I think that Favre's early play and the play of the rest of the Packers' team might not get them a Super Bowl appearance, but it will make for a memorable season once again in the frozen tundra of Leambeau Field.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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